

American History – ANSWER KEY

* Note: I wrote this quiz in the year 2020. A few facts may have changed, since then. Here, assume that it's still the year 2020!

Wars and Rumors of Wars

- 1) C Which of the following wars did the United States NOT "win" (or fight on the "winning side" in)?

A) World War I
B) World War II
C) Vietnam War
D) Mexican War

- 2) B Why did the United States enter World War II?

A) To save the Jews from being slaughtered by Hitler.
B) Because Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.
C) To end slavery in Africa.
D) To stop drugs from being smuggled into the country via Mexico.

- 3) A What country did the United States drop atomic bombs on?

A) Japan
B) Russia
C) Germany
D) Mexico

- 4) B What country did the Thirteen Colonies fight to become independent of?

A) France
B) Great Britain
C) Egypt
D) Mexico

- 5) D The Civil War was MAINLY fought over what issue?
- A) abortion
 - B) religious freedom
 - C) communism
 - D) slavery
- 6) D Why did the United States invade Iraq, in 2003?
- A) Because Iraq had invaded Israel, in 2002.
 - B) To save the Kurds from being slaughtered by Saddam Hussein.
 - C) Because Iraq had invaded Kuwait, in 2002.
 - D) Because Iraq was alleged to possess weapons of mass destruction.
- 7) C Why did the United States invade Iraq, in 1991?
- A) Because Iraq was behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
 - B) Because Iraq was behind the Oklahoma City bombing.
 - C) Because Iraq had invaded Kuwait, in 1990.
 - D) Because Iraq was alleged to possess weapons of mass destruction.
- 8) B Which of the following men was the President of the United States, during most of World War II?
- A) Thomas Jefferson
 - B) Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - C) John F. Kennedy
 - D) Abraham Lincoln
- 9) A Which of the following countries fought ON THE SAME SIDE AS the United States, in World War I?
- A) France
 - B) Austria-Hungary
 - C) Germany
 - D) Bulgaria
- 10) B Which of the following countries fought ON THE SAME SIDE AS the United States, in World War II?
- A) Italy
 - B) Soviet Union
 - C) Germany
 - D) Japan

Presidents of the United States

- 11) C Who was the FIRST President of the United States?
- A) Thomas Jefferson
 - B) John Adams
 - C) George Washington
 - D) Abraham Lincoln
- 12) D Who was the first woman to be elected President of the United States?
- A) Hillary Clinton
 - B) Geraldine Ferraro
 - C) Susan B. Anthony
 - D) Trick question! NO woman has been elected President yet!
- 13) B Which of the following Presidents implored a certain Mr. Gorbachev to, "Tear down this wall!"?
- A) John F. Kennedy
 - B) Ronald Reagan
 - C) George H. W. Bush
 - D) Trick question! It was actually David Hasselhoff who implored Mr. Gorbachev to, "Tear down this wall!" He was never elected President!
- 14) D Who was the only President to serve MORE THAN two terms?
- A) Millard Fillmore
 - B) Theodore ("Teddy") Roosevelt
 - C) Grover Cleveland
 - D) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 15) A Who was the President of the United States, when Jesus was crucified?
- A) Nobody! The United States did not exist yet!
 - B) George Washington
 - C) Thomas Jefferson
 - D) John F. Kennedy

- 16) C Which of the following Presidents had THE MOST to do with the Watergate scandal?
- A) Benjamin Franklin
 - B) Warren G. Harding
 - C) Richard Nixon
 - D) Ronald Reagan
- 17) B Who was the first person of color to be elected President of the United States?
- A) Joe Biden
 - B) Barack Obama
 - C) Lyndon B. Johnson
 - D) Alexander Hamilton
- 18) A Pick the answer choice that lists the Presidents in the order in which they served:
- A) George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy
 - B) John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington
 - C) Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln
 - D) Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John F. Kennedy
- 19) A How many terms did President George H. W. Bush serve?
- A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 3
 - D) 4
- 20) B How many terms did President Ronald Reagan serve?
- A) 1
 - B) 2
 - C) 3
 - D) He was elected President, in 1980, but didn't complete his term in office, because he was assassinated, in 1981.